

**REMARKS**

**I. Status of the Application**

By the present Amendment, Applicants cancel claims 23-28 without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-22 and 29-36 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 23-28 have been rejected. Claims 1-22 and 29-36 have been allowed. The present Amendment addresses each point of objection and rejection raised by the Examiner. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

**II. Claim Objections**

The Examiner has objected to claim 23 because of an informality. Applicants are canceling claim 23, rendering moot the objection to claim 23.

**III. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)**

Claims 23, 24, and 26-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Publication No. 2003/0011894 to Schuster. Applicants are canceling claims 23, 24, and 26-28, rendering moot the rejection of claims 23, 24, and 26-28.

**III. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)**

Claim 25 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Schuster in view of the Non-Patent Literature document entitled "Nanometer-Asphären: Wie Herstellen und Wofür?" to Hofmann et al. Applicants are canceling claim 25, rendering moot the rejection of claim 25.

**IV. Conclusion**

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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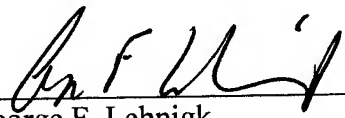
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